

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 492 – Disaster Case Management and Funding (LSB2329SZ)

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Description

Senate File 492 creates a Disaster Case Management Grant Fund and Program within the State Treasury and permits an allocation of up to \$1.0 million from the Economic Emergency Fund. The Executive Council will have the authority to spend funds for case management following a Governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency, a Presidential declaration of a major disaster, and when funds are awarded for disaster aid for individual assistance.

Background

When a disaster is declared, the funding will be used to provide case management services to assist individuals affected by the disaster. Implementation will include:

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) will work with the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD) and a representative from nonprofit, voluntary, and faith-based organizations active in disaster recovery and response to establish a statewide disaster case management program and adopt rules.
- The DHS will be responsible for implementing this contract with a statewide program provider of services having local offices throughout the State so that case management services will be coordinated locally. The DHS will also be required to submit an annual report to the Legislative Fiscal Committee and the standing committees on Government Oversight on January 1 concerning expenditures and activities of the Grant Program.

Each fiscal year, an additional \$100,000 will be available, as needed, for contract staff support, case management training, and continuing training to maintain staff prepared for emergency response.

Assumptions

Costs to the DHS and the HSEMD will be minimal and absorbed within their operating budgets.

Fiscal Impact

This Bill will not result in an appropriation from the General Fund, but rather an allocation of funds from the Economic Emergency Fund. The funds will be expended only when authorized by the Executive Council. The Economic Emergency Fund ended FY 2014 with an actual balance of \$180.6 million.

Sources

DHS and HSEMD

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